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Dear members of the Federal Communications Commission:

~~I~~ wish that you would consider voting in favor of Low Power FM licensing. The reason I am in favor of such licensing is because I live 30 miles West of downtown St Louis in a community of 55,000+ and we have no local radio station geared to the community.

~~I~~ worked at a daytime station in St Louis and it was purchased by a group that owned 22 other stations or so and within 6 months, all of the time was brokered out. They are now doing everything from Hard Rock to Spanish. I understand that it's their right to do what ever but this stations history has always been Big Band and Nostalgia. The other Nostalgia AM cant be heard in St Peters after sundown. On the FM side the only thing close to that is a Light Rock format.

~~I~~ have talked to many people in this community about a MOR radio station geared to St Peters, St. Charles and O'Fallon, MO and everyone seems to be in favor or at least feels we should have the right to have a station with those objectives. If I could I would like to see our community have a 1,000 Watt station. That would be large enough to serve the community yet small enough not to create a problem for High Power stations.

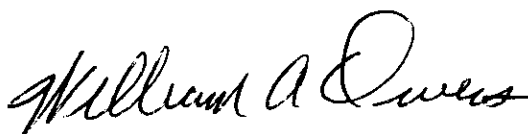
~~I~~ in the last two years stations in this area have changed ownership almost on a monthly basis, selling in the millions of dollars to large groups such as Sinclair and Jacor. I don't deny these companies that right, but the little guy like me who loves radio more than profit makes the affordability and possibility of owning a large station, unlikely.

~~I~~ By approving the licensing Low Power stations it helps to level the playing field to some degree. I also feel that ownership should be limited to one station, one owner. That would prevent the same thing happening to Low Power that has happened to the High Power station.

~~I~~ in summary your favorable vote for licensing Low Power would give a little guy an opportunity to serve the community and still play his Frank Sinatra and Henry Mancini records.

~~T~~hank you

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